

Monday, April 19, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3823–S3887

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 826–831, and S. Con. Res. 27. Page S3848

Measures Passed:

Use of Capitol Grounds/JFK Center for the Performing Arts: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 52, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Page S3829

Use of Capitol Rotunda/NATO 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 81, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and welcoming the three newest members of NATO, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic, into NATO. Pages S3829–30

Gold Medal Award to Rosa Parks: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 531, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation, and by a unanimous vote of 86 yeas (Vote No. 88), Senate passed the bill. Pages S3837–45

Wyoming Land Transfer: Senate passed S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest. Pages S3865–66

Alaska Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 426, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation, after agreeing to committee amendments. Pages S3865–66

Alaska Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 430, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of

Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, after agreeing to committee amendments. Pages S3865–67

Wyoming Land Transfer: Senate passed S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property. Pages S3865, S3867

Methane Hydrate Research and Development: Senate passed S. 330, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources. Pages S3865, S3867

Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Authorization: Senate passed S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S3867–73

Army Water Conservation and Development Authorization: Senate passed S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S3874–87

Craig (for Chafee) Amendment No. 253, to make managers' amendments. Page S3887

Budget Process Emergencies Designation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, on Tuesday, April 20, 1999. Page S3874

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy). Pages S3873, S3887

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—88)	Page S3845

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 20, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3874.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DRUG KINGPINS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism met in closed session to receive a briefing on issues relating to the targeting of assets of drug kingpins from Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bill Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 1474, was introduced. Page H2137

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 929, to amend title 13, United States Code, to require that the questionnaire used in taking the 2000 decennial census be made available in certain languages besides English (H. Rept. 106–96);

H.R. 1010, to improve participation in the 2000 decennial census by increasing the amounts available to the Bureau of the Census for marketing, promotion, and outreach, amended (H. Rept. 106–97);

H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other amended (H. Rept. 106–98); and

H.R. 1184, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, amended (H. Rept. 106–99 Part 1). Page H2137

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2135

Official Objectors for the Private Calendar: The Chair announced the majority and minority leadership appointments of official objectors for the Private Calendar. For the majority: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Gekas, and Coble. For the minority: Representatives Boucher and DeLauro. Page H2135

Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. John Henry of Florida to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board to fill a five-year term. Page H2135

Senate Messages: Message received by the Clerk on April 16 appears on page H2135.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the science and technology program and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban

Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; and S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings on United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee: to hold hearings on issues relating to the war in Kosovo, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on the nominations of Eric T. Washington, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; Stephen H. Glickman, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101-601), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Youth Violence, with the Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold joint hearings on domestic preparedness in the next generation, 2 p.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Veterans Affairs: to hold hearings on the Department of Veterans Affairs contingency plans for the year 2000, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, Hud and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, joint hearing on reporting requirements under the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 and related statutes, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Security at the Department of Energy's Laboratories: The Perspective of the General Accounting Office, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Employer Health Plan Accountability: Do Participants Have Adequate Protections? 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to mark up H.R. 1074, Regulatory Right-to-Know Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999; and H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 791, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999; and H.R. 1104, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 800, Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999; and H.R. 1184, Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of 1999, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate may consider any cleared legislative or executive business.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will consider S. 557, Budget Reform.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 20

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 5 Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 573, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks;

(2) H.R. 208, to allow for certain contributions of roll-over distributions and waivers of waiting period requirements in the Thrift Savings Plan;

(3) H. Res. 128, to condemn the murder of human rights lawyer Rosemary Nelson and call for protection of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland;

(4) H. Con. Res. 54, to recognize the first anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Agreement; and

(5) H.R. 1379, to amend the 1999 omnibus supplemental appropriations act to make a correction re international narcotics control and law enforcement assistance.

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